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Dear Harold,

I have no real news to report, but here are some miscellaneous observations*

Dr. John Nichols, of the Univ. of Kansas, has brought to my attention apparent proof that the autopsy report was interfered with by the Kennedy family. In "Medical World News," (July 28, 1967; p. 21) Dr. Boswell is quoted as saying "The autopsy was silent on these points because the question of the presence or absence of Addison's disease was not a question that affected the cause of death. Information on this point was not published (published?? P.H.) because it was regarded as a strictly private matter for the President's family to decide. They chose not to release it, which as ~~far~~ far as I am concerned they had every right to do."

I am enclosing some notes on the analysis of the Zapruder film done by Luis Alvarez (who is head of the physics group I am in) and others for CBS. Unless you want a copy for your files, I won't send you the "Magnet" article in which much of this is discussed, since it is quite inaccurate factually. I have written to E.G. & G., who did the photo analysis, and will let you know if I find anything new.

Incidentally, while checking one of Alvarez' points, I noted that "Frame 284" at 18H55 is actually a duplicate of frame 283. I doubt that this is significant, since the part of the missing frame which shows the occupants of the car is visible above frame 285 on the next page. Another "printing error," I guess.

It seems that Bringuier was not the only anti-Commie fanatic in the D.R.E. I have come across a book published in Jan. 1963, primarily about the work of D.R.E. - raids, submitting intelligence reports to FBI, CIA, SISS, etc. ("The Real Story on Cuba," Monarch Books, by "James Bayard" (pen name)) It is ~~quite~~ quite bitter about U.S. policy (including then-"recent" CIA-Coast Guard interference with D.R.E. activities) but not particularly anti-JFK. Pretty far-out stuff. I would like to know what Bringuier, Quiroga, and the N.O. cops really thought about Oswald before the assassination.

I know from Hal Verb that you are too busy to keep up with all the articles that come out, so I thought I should point out 3 items in Bill Turner's piece in the June Ramparts, which you might find relevant to your work. "A former CIA agent with whom I have consulted discloses that at the very least, the Agency would have assigned Oswald a "babysitter"-someone who would befriend him and thus keep an eye on him."..."I learned from ... a Minuteman aide who had access to their Headquarters files - about an allied group in New Orleans known as the Anti-Communism League of the Caribbean.(said to have been used by the CIA in Guatemala, 1954) (He) said the names of both Banister and Ward appeared in the secret Minuteman files as members of the Minutemen and as operatives of the Anti-Communism league ..." "An anti-Castro 'freedom fighter' well acquainted with both Hall and Howard contends they trained not only in Florida at No Name Key but at bases in the vicinity of New Orleans. He told me ~~that~~ the pair was closely associated with Guy Galbadon, an ex-marine who in 1961 attempted to organize a private army in Southern California to invade Cuba but was dissuaded by state authorities."

Just noticed that p. 17-18 of CD 298 contain FBI remarks on the Hughes film. I have a copy of p. 17 only, so I don't know if there is anything of importance.

I saw a newspaper story that said Novel started on the NBC payroll on Feb. 1. If true, is this of interest, or was the press aware of Garrison's investigation that early?

Sincerely yours,

Paul
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